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BRASILIA PASS SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS'
CALL ON PRIME MINISTER GENERAL MORALES BERMUDEZ

REF: LIMA 2060

1. SECRETARY'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER GENRRAL MORALES BERMUDEZ WAS WELL COVERED IN GENERAL BY LIMA PRESS, BUT DISTORTIONS AND ADDITIONS EVIDENT. REPORTING ON TOPICS COVERD PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTL, PRESS STATES THAT PRIME MINISTER "DECLARED CATEGORICALLY YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE JUST AND HUMANE ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM THAT LATIN AMERICA REQUIRES." PRIME MINISTER THEN REPORTEDLY ASKED ASST. SECRETARY TO CARRY GOP CONCERN TO USG THAT THIS GREATER EFFORT "IS OF TRANSCENDENTAL IMPORTANCE IN THE SEARCH FOR THE HARMONY AND COOPERATION SO OFTEN MANIFESTED (BU U.S.)." HE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH IS VERY DISADVANTAGEOUS TO PERU AND LA AND ADDED THAT PASSING LAWS THAT FAVORED INTERESTS ONLY OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ACCENTUATES
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PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES LIKE PERU.

HE REPORTEDLY "EMPHASIZED" THAT PERU'S EFFORTS TOWARD DEVELOPMENT WILL BE DIMINISHED IF IT DOESN'T RECEIVE "A JUST AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT IN ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE."

2. ADDITIONS IN REPORTING INCLUDE REPORTED DISCUSSION OF THE GREENE AGREEMENT AND ITS ALLEGED "DISTORTION" BY USG BECAUSE OF PAYMENT TO EXXON (THIS WAS DISCUSSED AND WORD "DISTORTION" USED DAY BEFORE DURING CALL ON FONMIN DE LA FLOR). OTHER ADDITION WAS REPORTED DISCUSSION OF SALE BY U.S. TO PERU OF 300,000 TONS OF WHEAT USING CC CREDITS "THE MOST CONVENIENT MEANS IN THESE CASES."

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION PAPER UPON WHICH HE DREW IN HIS DISCUSSIONS MAY HAVE BEEN USED AS BASIS OF LIMA PRESS REPORTING. THE LATTER CONTAINED SPECIFIC DETAILS AND ADDITIONS MORE IN LINE WITH EXPECTED PERUVIAN THIRD WORLD RHETORIC THAN PRESENTATION MADE BY MORELES BERMUDEZ IN PERSON. ALL LIMA DAILIES CARRIED SAME BASIC STORY WHICH ALSO POINTS TO LIKELIHOOD THAT GHO HAD HAND-OUT AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS AFTER MEETING.
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